

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended. Claims 1-16 and 48 are pending and have been allowed, with claims 1, 5, and 13 being independent. No new matter is presented in this Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR 1.312(a).

Specification Amendment and Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection

The new section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" that was inserted on page 1 of the specification as requested on page 2 of the Amendment After Final Rejection of November 25, 2008, has been amended to correct a typographical error by changing "2001- 5374" (with a space between "-" and "5") to "2001-5374" (with no space between "-" and "5"). Accordingly, it is submitted that this Amendment After Final Rejection does not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and accordingly it is submitted that entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection is proper under 37 CFR 1.116 and MPEP 714.12 and 714.13.

Request for Indication That References Cited in Information Disclosure Statements of January 26, 2004, and December 8, 2005, Have Been Considered

The Office Action of March 22, 2006, includes a copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant from the Information Disclosure Statement of January 26, 2004, on which the Examiner did not place his initials by the listings of PCT 95/6391 and the Royal Philips Electronics reference to indicate that these two references have been considered. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide another copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant from the Information Disclosure Statement of January 26, 2004, with his initials placed by the listings of PCT 95/6391 and the Royal Philips Electronics reference to indicate that these two references have been considered.

Also, the Office Action of March 22, 2006, includes a copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant from the Information Disclosure Statement of December 8, 2005, on which the Examiner did not place his initials by the listing of US 6,763,178 to indicate that this reference has been considered, although the Examiner did cite US 6,763,178 on the Notice of References Cited (form PTO-892) attached to the Office Action of March 22, 2006, and rejected claims 1-24

and 42-46 over US 6,763,178 in the Office Action of March 22, 2006. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide another copy of the List of References Cited by Applicant from the Information Disclosure Statement of December 8, 2005, with his initials placed by the listing of US 6.763,178 to indicate that this reference has been considered.

Request for Indication That Reference Cited in Continuation Applications Has Been Considered in Present Application

The present application is the parent application of continuation Application Nos. 10/986,133 and 11/431,657, and the grandparent application of continuation Application No. 11/432,391. The Examiner of the present application is also the Examiner of these continuation applications. The Examiner cited US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. in the Office Action of September 12, 2007, issued in continuation Application No. 11/431,657, which is a continuation of the present application, and the Office Action of October 5, 2007, issued in continuation Application No. 10/986,133. Also, the applicants cited US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. on the List of References Cited by Applicant attached to the Amendment of December 12, 2007, filed in continuation Application No. 11/432,391, and the Examiner considered this reference in the Final Office Action of March 24, 2008, issued in continuation Application No. 11/432,391.

The Examiner has issued a Notice of Allowance in each of continuation Application Nos. 10/986,133 (December 10, 2008), 11/431,657 (December 15, 2008), and 11/432,391 (December 19, 2008). Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner has determined that the claims of these three continuation applications are patentable over US 6,493,038 to Singh et al.

On page 10 of the Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination of October 31, 2007, filed in the present application, the applicants intended to ask the Examiner to cite US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. in the present application because 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and MPEP 609 do not specifically provide a procedure for an applicant to cite references cited by an Examiner in a related U.S. application. However, the applicants inadvertently asked the Examiner to cite US 6,493,048 instead. The Examiner cited US 6,493,048, which is to Baek et al., in the Final Office Action of February 1, 2008, issued in the present application. However, it is submitted that the Examiner has implicitly considered US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. in the present application because the allowed claims of the present application are patentable for substantially the same reasons that the allowed claims of the three continuation applications in

which the Examiner has explicitly considered US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. are patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate that US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. has been considered in the present application. Attached hereto is a List of References Cited by Applicant listing US 6,493,038 to Singh et al. for the Examiner's convenience in indicating this.

Conclusion


If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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